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In re Application of :  
Roland ALMERAS et al. :  
U.S. Patent Application No. *pending* :  
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For: FASTENING APPARATUS WITH INDIRECT FIRING

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

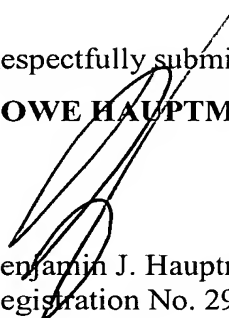
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant hereby claims the priority of French Patent Application No. 02 15642 filed December 11, 2002. The certified copy will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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